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*Field Marking Equip't
 Light, Audio Modulated
 Transistor Program*

21 April 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions [redacted]

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1. The writer visited [redacted] at his office in the afternoon of 18 April 1952. The first item of business involved the initial contract with [redacted] for [redacted] for Operation Diogenes, and the requisition for materials for this project involving \$5,000.00. It was explained to [redacted] that money for both of these items should leave Washington on 22 April 1952.

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2. The contract for an amendment to the Diogenes contract for the amount of \$9,500.00 was also given to him, which he signed and returned to the writer. It was pointed out to him that the CIA Procurement and Contract office had indicated that contracts containing a discount for prompt payment were often handled more expeditiously than those not allowing discounts. Although [redacted] was skeptical of this procedure having any effect, he did write in a small discount on the Diogenes contract amendment.

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3. [redacted] stated that all ten of the developmental beacons were completed with the exception of filter material for the last two items, which would be available 21 April. He inquired as to the future of Diogenes production in order that he could be advised as to what to do with the 500 feet of filter coming off the line at Polaroid. In the event that it was to be used for filters of the Diogenes type, it would be desirable to have Polaroid cut the material to the proper size and seal the edges before delivery to [redacted]. It was agreed that [redacted] would check into the procurement potential of this item and advise [redacted] by 5 May 1952.

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4. The second item discussed was a feasibility study on light waves as a carrier for sound. After outlining the problem, [redacted] indicated that this study would require a minimum of three man-months, after which time the contracting authority could determine feasibility on the basis of progress that had been made. It was pointed out to the writer that this was a very sticky problem but that it could be attacked with some degree of optimism.

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5. It was also stated that [] are not particularly interested in taking short individual problems of the above type, but would rather make them a part of a task-type contract that would allow them to allocate a certain amount of work per week or per year to this contract. In this connection, mention was made of the approach to [] by Commo/CIA a number of months ago. [] stated that although proposals had been submitted to Commo regarding the type of projects that could be worked on by [] they have had no orders for work on this contract as yet. In conclusion, the writer stated that Commo had initially intended for RDD to make use of this contract facility with [] and therefore, a proposal should be submitted on the light wave problem stating conditions under which it would be favorable for them to work on the problem.

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6. The third item discussed was the transistor development problem. It was learned that [] had made inquiry of [] and other research groups in the Boston area, but that no further action was being taken until further advice was obtained from RDD regarding a long term research program under consideration. The writer asked that they do assume that the RDD research program will be approved, and that they submit a proposal for at least that part of the work that should be financed by FY-52 funds as soon as possible. It was further stated that this proposal might be part of a larger task-type contract that would allow for occasional ad hoc development problems such as item 2, discussed above.

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